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Title: NUCLEIC ACID VACCINE FOR ELICITING
AN IMMUNE RESPONSE AGAINST
TELOMERASE REVERSE TRANSCRIPTASE

PETITION FOR REVIVAL OF APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria VA 22313

Dear Sir,

The most recent Office Action on the merits of this application was mailed on April 21, 2005. On September 20, 2005, the undersigned filed a Notice of Appeal in this application under 37 CFR § 1.119(a), with the objective of extending the period for filing a response, to accommodate ongoing discussions with the Examiner regarding possible claim language.

This was done with the belief that some of the claims in the application had been twice rejected. However, while preparing the written Response to the Office Action on yesterday's date, the undersigned became aware that applicants may not have been entitled to file a Notice of Appeal at the time it was filed.

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Accordingly, in the event that the Office determines that the Notice of Appeal was improper, and that the application has consequently gone abandoned, applicants hereby petition the Office under 37 CFR § 1.137(b) to revive this application as having been unintentionally abandoned.

The entire delay in filing the reply to the April 21, 2005 Office Action from the extended due date for the reply until the filing of this Petition was unintentional.

Should this Petition be necessary to keep the application pending, the Office is hereby authorized to charge the cost of this Petition and any other required fees to Deposit Account No. 07-1139, referencing the docket numbers indicated above. If available, the undersigned requests that the fee paid for the Notice of Appeal be credited towards the charges applicable for reviving the application.

Respectfully submitted,



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